

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes January 16, 2018

Present: L. Haslam, J. Peschel, D. Leonard, S. Canty. M. McEntee. H. Godino, B. Young, M. Lafreniere
Absent: P Sears.

Call to Order: 6:00 Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call.
The minutes of the December meeting were accepted.

Correspondence: -0-

Director's Report:

Family Storytime for all ages are held every Monday & Thursday at 11:00 am. Preschool Story Time for ages 3 yrs. old & up are held every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Open Art is every Monday and Friday from 11:30-4:30 pm.

Book & Art (Age 6) January Beauty and the Beak and an art project

Book Bunch (Age 7) January Bad to the Bone by Lucy Novan and a special project

February 17 @ 9:30am: Ready, Freddy! By John McKinley

Dewey's Book Buds (Age 8) January Smashie McPerter & the Mystery of Room II, by Griffin

February 10 @9:30am Sasquatch Escape by Suzanne Selfors

Page Turners (Ages 9/10) January Withering by Sea by Rossell

February 17 @9:30am Framed! A T.O.A.S.T Mystery by James Ponti

The children's sewing group, ages 8 and older, meet once a month to sew, this month they are working on a quilt.

EPL LOVES YA is going very well with new teens joining in each week. This week they played trivia and enjoyed snacks. This program is scheduled on Thursday afternoons. February's program is scheduled to be the teens' take on Valentines (all their idea).

The OWLS (11-years-old) will read and discuss The Breadwinner Saturday February 10 @ 9:30 am. Books for Life (12 & 13-year-olds) will read and discuss Love among the walnuts February 10 @ 10:30 am. HS book group (ages 14 & up) will discuss The Fault in Our Stars February 10 @ 1:00 pm.

Both of the library's Adult Book Groups handed out their finalized 2018 book lists. On January 10, the Evening Book Group discussed Mary Shelly's Frankenstein. On January 17, the Morning Book Group will discuss A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler. The Evening Book Group will be discuss The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah February 14th and the Morning Book Group will discuss Hillbilly Elegy by J.D.Vance on February 21st.

Pam has setup an online PayPal account for donations to the library on the library webpage. We tested it and it works and since she set it up we have gotten several online donations to the Building Fund.

Tech Teach, free one-on one technology lessons are extremely popular. We offer these lessons on the first Monday of the month 5-7 pm and on the last Friday of the month 10 am to noon. Give us a call for more information and to sign-up for a lesson.

The outreach book talks are ongoing and remain exceptionally well-liked with a good attendance each time. Participants have given us suggestions for books they would like for future visits.

We are continuing to show movies on the first and third Mondays of the month alternating a newly released movie with a classic film.

Movie & Munchies February 14 will be The Princess Bride @ 1:00 PM.

All our programs are free and open to the public

Operating Statement: The Operating Statement was accepted with a correction to Books and Subscriptions. It only includes January until the budget passes in February 2018. January still shows 2017 funds. The year-end budget will be presented in February.

Building, Grounds and Technology: -0-

Finance and Fundraising: There are still questions regarding the Exeter Historical Society meeting regarding the \$5000.00 loan to publish Nancy Merrill's book about Exeter. Should we prepare ahead of time for their visit? Should we listen, but not take a vote at that meeting? How is this presented on the library books? We need to listen to what they say because we do not know their financial situation. It was important at the time to do the book for the town. The Trustees had no clue to the financial challenges facing the Historical Society. The Trustees gave the loan in good faith. It was suggested that the Historical Society could go to the town for the \$5000.00 and repay the loan from that money. Are we voting on this at the meeting in February? Or waiting until March?

Long Range Plan: We are all attending the Exeter Selectman's meeting after the meeting tonight regarding the library renovation vote. Friends of the Library are going to the winter Farmer's Market. They brought a selection of teen and children's board books to give out. The group has opened a bank account.

Personnel and Policy: Director's evaluation is due. Please check online by next week. Martha asked to meet as a group to discuss evaluation before writing it saying that for those who have been on the board only a short time it is difficult to write something useful, honest and complete.

Social: -0-

Friends: (see Long Range Plan)

No Continuing or New Business as meeting was adjourned at 6:27 to attend Selectman's Meeting.

Next meeting will be held in **Study A** on **February 20, 2018 at 6:30.**

Lisa Wilson